

FORDEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended  
31st. December, 1953.

To the Sanitary Authority of the Rural District of Forden, -

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Rural District for the year ended 31st. December 1953.

This report is drawn up in accordance with the instructions contained in the Welsh Board of Health Circular No. 1/54 (Wales).

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area of the Rural District, 44,774 acres.  
Population (Mid Year estimate): 5,067

<u>BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	Legitimate	51	37	88
	Illegitimate	0	3	3
		<u>51</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>91</u>

Live Birth Rate (per 1000 Estimated population) : 17.9  
Compared with 15.5 for England and Wales.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Still Birth Rate (per 1000 Estimated population): 0.39.  
compared with 0.35 for England and Wales.

Still Birth Rate (per 1000 Related Births): 21.9  
compared with 22.4 for England and Wales.

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
From all causes.	36	34	70

DEATH RATE: (per 1000 estimated population): 13.8  
compared with 11.4 for England and Wales.

<u>INFANT MORTALITY.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of infants under one year of age:			
Legitimate	5	0	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:			
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATE (per 1000 Live Births): 54.9  
compared with 26.8 for England and Wales.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

<u>Year</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
Population	5049	5046	5067
Live Birth Rate	17.4	18.6	17.9
Still Birth Rate	0.2	0	0.39
Death Rate	11.6	9.5	13.8
Infant Mortality Rate	0	21.2	54.9

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vascular lesions of the Nervous System.	8	14	22
Coronary Disease, Angina.	3	1	4
Other Heart Diseases	6	10	16
Malignant Neoplasms of the Stomach	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms.	5	1	6
Diabetes	0	1	1
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Ulcer of the stomach and Duodenam	1	0	1
Nephritis	1	0	1
Hyperplasion of the Prostate	1	0	1
Congenital Malformations	3	0	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	9
Suicide	1	0	1
	<u>36</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>70</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year the following diseases were notified to me:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	1	3
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	32	33	65
Pneumonia	5	5	10
Scarlet Fever	2	4	6
Erysipelas	0	1	1
Measles	4	5	9

There was a severe epidemic of whooping cough during the early months of the year, but there were no deaths from the disease. It is interesting to note that there were again no cases of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis notified.

HEALTH SERVICES UNDER PART 3 OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

The following clinics functioned very satisfactorily during the year:-

1. Tuberculosis under the care of Dr.G.O.Thomas.
2. Ear,Nose and Throat under the care of Mr.R.Barraclough F.R.C.S.
3. Medical, under the care of Dr.Phylllys Evans M.D.
4. Surgical, under the care of Mr.J.A.Spalding F.R.C.S.
5. Gynaecological, under the care of Mr.Owen Jones, F.R.C.S.
6. Paediatric, under the care of Dr.Gerald Roberts M.D.
7. Child Welfare, under the care of the County Medical Officer of Health.
8. Orthopaedic, organised by the Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, SECTION 47.

No action was taken in any case under this Section during the year.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

A very efficient ambulance service was provided voluntarily during the year, by Members of the St.John Ambulance Brigade.